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1. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 5-21050 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2001-81221 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 3347835 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application. A Published English language abstract of JP-A-7-53760, which corresponds to this patent document is also enclosed.
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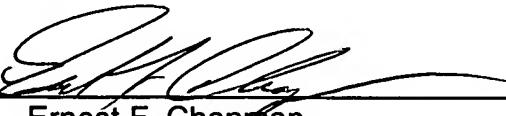
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